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Serial No.: 09/937,450

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For: SMOKE DETECTOR HOUSING

Group Art Unit: 2632 ✓

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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

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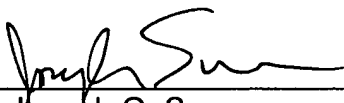
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Respectfully submitted,

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